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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 1651**

**PATENT
[85940/15]**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Heikkila et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
Serial No.:	08/928,893)
For:	Process for the Simultaneous Production of Xylitol and Ethanol) Confirmation No. 1188
Filed:	September 12, 1997)
) Primary Examiner: David M. Naff
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TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an April 6, 2004 final Office Action, Applicants submit herewith the present Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants are timely submitting this amendment.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the deposit account no. 11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to an April 6, 2004 final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.